

In the Claims

1. (Original) A method of printing a trusted image, comprising:
an individual user electronically contacting a governmental agency, soliciting an image depicting the user stored in an archive maintained by said governmental agency;
electronically receiving said image from said contacted governmental agency; and
printing a document incorporating said image.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which it is the individual user who receives said image and prints said document.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said document is a photo identification document.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said document is an identification badge.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which the governmental agency is a motor vehicle licensing agency, and the image is a driver license photo.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said image is processed with an identification code by the governmental agency.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 in which said image is digitally watermarked with a plural-bit code by the governmental agency.
8. (Original) The method of claim 7 in which said plural-bit code serves to identify the individual user's name.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8 in which said plural-bit code comprises an index into a data structure in which the individual user's name is stored.

10. (Original) A document printed according to the method of 1.
11. (Original) A method of distributing a trusted image, comprising:
at a governmental agency, receiving an electronic request for an archived personal image from an individual depicted in said image; and
electronically transmitting said image to said individual.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11 that includes processing said image with an identification code prior to said electronic transmission.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11 that includes digitally watermarking said image with a plural-bit code prior to said electronic transmission.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13 in which said plural-bit code serves to identify the individual's name.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14 in which said plural-bit code comprises an index into a data structure in which the individual's name is stored.

16-26. (Withdrawn)

27. (New) The method of claim 1 that includes printing said document at a home of said individual user.
28. (New) The method of claim 1 that includes obtaining from a database maintained by said governmental agency a name of said individual user, and printing said obtained name on the document.
29. (New) The method of claim 1 that includes:
using a computer operated by the individual user, extracting information

steganographically encoded in the image received from the governmental agency; transmitting said decoded information from said computer to a remote server; in response, receiving name data corresponding to said decoded information from said remote server; and printing said received name data on said document using said computer operated by the individual user.

30. (New) The method of claim wherein the received image has plural-bit data steganographically encoded therein, and the method includes:

by reference to said steganographically encoded data, generating text to be printed with said photo; and

printing a document including both said photo and said text.

31. (New) The method of claim 1 that includes obtaining an access code from a corporation, and incorporating said access code on the printed document.

32. (New) The method of claim 1 that further includes:

receiving code data at a home computer of said individual user, said code data having been transmitted by an authority, the code data having a future time or date associated therewith;

steganographically encoding said code data in said image received from said governmental agency; and

printing a document incorporating said steganographically encoded image.

33. (New) A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 1.

34. (New) A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 29.

35. (New) A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 30.

36. (New) A home-printed identification document produced by the method of claim 32.